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Good Health Is Above Wealth

A Health Day event is a concept that goes beyond the classrooms and schools in the Khatlon Region of Tajikistan. Since Save the Children with the financial support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched its Child-to-Child education program for awareness-raising of children on hygiene, water, and sanitation issues in its target schools, hundreds of children have been instructed as program trainers.

USAID supports the Child-to-Child education in health to promote and improve the knowledge of children in health, hygiene, nutrition, and sanitation. As part of program, upper grade students are trained how to present and disseminate health key messages to their primary school classmates by conducting health classes and by holding health events where hundreds of schoolchildren are actively engaged in promoting healthy behaviors in their schools and communities.



Recently, Child-to-Child educators, with the support from USAID and Save the Children, organized Health Day events in schools #8 and #17 in the Khatlon Region where schoolchildren from other districts were invited to participate. Children presented short skits, held drawing competitions, and sang songs about healthy lifestyle practices thus spreading the knowledge of health, nutrition, and hygiene.



Communities appreciate the support of the project and hope that together they can make a lasting, positive change in the lives of children. *"We can't tell you how much we appreciate what you have taught us," said afterwards one of the participants. "Now we know how to render immediate aid to our family members and to our friends when they are sick."*

Child-to-Child education program is one of the many assistance projects made possible by the American people through USAID. Since 1993, USAID has provided nearly \$300 million in programs that support Tajikistan's democratic institutions, health care, education, and economic growth.